

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 21, 1906, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. June 21, 1906. My darling Alec:

There's no earthly reason for you to worry about me. I am having a good rest. All I think is whether I ought to have accepted your automobile offer that you might have the rest. I hope I did right for you there is no question about myself. I can look out for myself, but you are so helpless where your own comfort is concerned. I am so afraid something may happen to you because I am not around to look after you. I could not rest quietly here did I not believe Miss McCurdy and Mr. McDermid would care for you and you will keep your promise to take no sugar and no starchy things till I come. You can have your dear bacon and Rochefort cheese if you will give up sugar and bread. I am with mamma in Mr. Dunbar's studio, if his bust of Papa is not good it certainly won't be for want of hard work on his and Mamma's part. I don't find it hot now that you are not here to feel it. But I wish you had more sleep. I love you with all my heart.

I recognize the fact that I have got run down. I don't know how, and that I must get up again. I need my strength for work for you and Daisy and I am just going to devote myself to this, to swallow all the pills regularly and go to bed and in short I expect at the end of the fortnight I'll be a giantess for strength. But please do you do likewise. I do need you, you are the very heart of me. Things 2 seem not worth while except for you. Why isn't my happiness worth considering and it's bound up on your being well and feeling well.

I hope you are pleased with things. Our seance here's up so goodbye.

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Much love, Mabel. Thursday.